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From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
No. Cion doc.:	11680/20
Subject:	Transfer of appropriations No DEC 18/2020 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2020

1. On 12 October 2020, the Commission submitted to the Council proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 18/2020.

The purpose of this proposal is to transfer a total amount of EUR 15 million in commitment appropriations from Article 19 04 01 (*Improving the reliability of electoral processes, in particular by means of electoral observation missions*) to Article 19 02 01 (*Response to crisis and emerging crisis*), as recorded in document 11680/20.

2. The purpose of this transfer is to reinforce the crisis response pillar of the Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace (IcSP) to respond to current and arising crises in regions affected by conflicts, specifically in Libya (de-mining, mediation and ceasefire monitoring measures), Latin America (health and conflict prevention measures in areas where many Venezuelan refugees are present), Mozambique (to address the instability in the Cabo Delgado region), Belarus (strengthening independent media/civil society), Sudan and Mali (support to transition).

3. The Budget Committee examined this proposal for a transfer at its meeting on 19 October 2020 and was able to approve it.
4. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to:
- confirm its agreement on the proposed transfer of appropriations as set out in document 11680/20; and
  - decide, in accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 12(1) of the Council's Rules of Procedure and Article 1 of Council Decision 2020/430<sup>1</sup>, that the Council uses the written procedure for its approval.

The General Secretariat of the Council will inform the Commission, as well as the European Parliament of the Council's decision.

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<sup>1</sup> Council Decision (EU) 2020/430 of 23 March 2020 on a temporary derogation from the Council's Rules of Procedure in view of the travel difficulties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in the Union (OJ L 88 I, 24.3.2020, p. 1).